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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-17 as follows; Applicant notes that no amendments are made at this time, and the claims are being presented merely to assist in their further examination:

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1. (Previously Presented) An extraction tool for extracting spiral threaded inserts, the extraction tool comprising:
 - an elongated basic body having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinal axis;
 - an extracting tip on the body first end, the extracting tip having a front and narrowing toward the front of the extraction tip, the extraction tip for being inserted with a cutting action into the threaded insert to be extracted; and
 - means for turning the extraction tool about the body longitudinal axis on the body second end;wherein at least a section of the extracting tip has the shape of a steep-angle truncated pyramid.
2. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extracting tip comprises a square cross section.
3. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 2, wherein the angle of inclination of the faces of the truncated pyramid relative to the perpendicular is about 1.5°.
4. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extracting tip is releasably held in the extraction tool.
5. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein the extracting tip is screwed to the body.
6. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:
 - a thread on the extracting tip; and

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a fastening screw for screwing the extracting tip to the body, the fastening screw being inserted through the body into the thread on the extracting tip and being supported on the body first end.

7. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:
an insert inserted into and rotationally fixed relative to the body;
wherein the extracting tip comprises a section in the shape of a truncated pyramid and an adjoining square section, the extracting tip square section sitting in and rotationally fixed relative to the insert.
8. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extracting tip is made of hardened steel.
9. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for turning the extraction tool comprises a hexagonal tubular piece.
10. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
means for receiving an impact adapter in the body second end.
11. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body comprises a plurality of parts integrally connected to one another.
12. (Previously Presented) A method of using an extraction tool for extracting a threaded insert, the method comprising:
providing an extraction tool as claimed in claim 1;
selecting an extracting tip matching an inside diameter of the threaded insert;

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inserting the extracting tip into the extraction tool;

inserting the extraction tool with the extracting tip through an inspection port into the threaded insert to be extracted;

driving the extracting tip into the threaded insert by striking the second end of the extraction tool, so that edges of the extracting tip press into the threaded insert and connect the extracting tip to the threaded insert in a rotationally fixed manner;

unscrewing the threaded insert by turning the extraction tool about a longitudinal axis of the extraction tool; and

pulling the threaded insert sitting on the extracting tip through the inspection port.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein driving the extracting tip comprises driving into the threaded insert so that the edges of the extracting tip press into the threaded insert over substantially the entire depth to which the extracting tip plunges into the threaded insert.

14. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the insert comprises a hexagonal section inserted in the body.

15. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 11, wherein the parts comprise a receptacle with a hexagon socket, an intermediate piece, a tube, and a hexagonal tubular piece.

16. (Previously Presented) The extraction tool as claimed in claim 11, wherein the parts are welded to one another.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the inspection port comprises an inspection port in a casing of a gas turbine.